Colliery Company Limited (SCCL), a public sector undertaking in Andhra Pradesh has 66 operating coal mines, details of which are given below:-

District	Underground	Opencast	Total
Khammam	7	6	13
Adilabad	27	1	28
Karimnagar	15	4	19
Warangal	6		6
TOTAL	55	11	66

(c) No, Sir. SCCL is in the forefront to introduce modern technology in Underground and Opencast mines.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (c) above.

(e) With the existing geo-mining conditions, SCCL is producing coal with conventional board and pillar method of mining and also has introduced modern technologies like use of Load Haul Dumpers, Longwall mining and Blasting Gallery method in Underground mines. In Opencast mines different technologies like Shovel Dumper combination, Draglines and Inpit-Crushing Conveying technologies have been introduced and are in operation.

Survival/Revival Plan of ECL

317. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) has submitted a survival/revival plan of ECL to Chairman, Coal India Ltd. on 21st July, 2000;

(b) if so, the broad outline of the same, specially in regard to the action proposed to be taken by Coal India Ltd. and Government of India; and

(c) the action taken so far on the above survival/revival plan by Government?

THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The management of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has submitted to the Chairman, CIL on 21.7.2000 a survival/revival Plan of ECL.

(b) The broad outlines of the proposal and action to be taken included, among other things increase in production, redeployment of equipment, increase in capacity utilisation and rationalisation/redeployment of manpower.

(c) Coal India Limited (CIL), the holding company of ECL, had engaged Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI) in 1998 to suggest measures for revival of ECL. The report of ICICI on revival of ECL is under consideration in Government of India.

Proposed Closure of ECL Mines

318. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman, Coal India Ltd. met the Chief Minister of West Bengal recently and proposed closure of 56 mines of ECL;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether this proposal is in line with the earlier proposal to examine the issue by a joint committee which included CS, West Bengal, Chairman, ECL and TU representatives;

(d) whether the current proposals take into account the gross mismanagement and lack of accountability of ECL and the serious social consequences of the proposed move; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (e) The Chairman of Coal India Limited (CIL) had paid a courtesy visit to Chief